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JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS. MISC. INFO CONCERNING. REMYTEL ~~REXX~~
FEB. SEVEN LAST. HOWARD HUGHES WILL PILOT CONSTELLATION LEAV-
ING TONIGHT AT MIDNIGHT FROM L.A. WITH NUMEROUS PERSONAGES IN
PARTY. RESERVATIONS MADE FOR PARTY AT WALDORF AND SHERRY
NETHERLANDS HOTELS, NYC. THE GROUP WILL LEAVE N.Y. SHORTLY
AFTER MIDNIGHT SUNDAY EVENING AND RETURN TO L.A. MEYER TO
MAKE TRIP WITH HUGHES. INFORMANT ADVISED THAT BUGSY SIEGEL
STATED HE HAD BEEN INVITED BY HOWARD HUGHES TO MAKE TRIP
ON THE CONSTELLATION. HOWEVER SIEGEL UNABLE TO ACCEPT IN-
~~REXX~~ VITATION [REDACTED]
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JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS. MISC. INFO CONCERNING. SUBJECT ARRANGED FOR RESERVATIONS AT SHERRY NETHERLANDS HOTEL, NYC FOR GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY FORTY MOTION PICTURE STARS AND OTHER GUESTS WHO ACCOMPANIED HOWARD HUGHES ON FLIGHT OF CONSTELLATION PLANE FROM CALIFORNIA TO NYC ON FEB. FIFTEEN LAST. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT

AND HOWARD HUGHES ARE STILL REGISTERED AT HOTEL AND NO INFO AS TO CONTEMPLATED DEPARTURE AVAILABLE. [REDACTED]

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JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS. MISC. INFO CONCERNING. HOWARD HUGHES
AND JOHN MEYER HAVE NOT RETURNED L.A. FROM NYC AS EXPECTED.

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[REDACTED] PROPOSED TRIP TO LAS VEGAS POSTPONED UNTIL
THEIR RETURN. [REDACTED]

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cc. Mr O'Grady

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles, 13, California
March 11, 1946**

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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RE: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, was
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Dear Sir:

This is to advise that the following information was made available to this office by a very confidential source, with reference to a contact had by MEYER on March 7, 1946 with BILL CAGNEY, a motion picture executive and brother of JAMES CAGNEY, screen star.

It was stated that MEYER had contacted CAGNEY with reference to some property which was suitable for studio space, on which it was thought that Twentieth Century Fox Studios might build. CAGNEY reportedly showed no interest in this particular matter and indicated that on March 6, 1946 he and five other individuals including SOL LUSKER and LEO McCARTY, both motion picture executives, had closed a deal for a million dollars to purchase sixty acres of property in Culver City near the Metro Goldwyn Mayer Studios. CAGNEY indicated that this group did not desire to finance the building of a studio on this property themselves, but desired to do the financing through the RPC. At this time MEYER indicated that he was provoked with CAGNEY for not having been previously advised of the deal and that he and BONAARD HUGHES had not been out in. MEYER told CAGNEY that he had many contacts in Washington, and that he could easily arrange the securing of the financing of the deal through RPC and also secure the necessary priorities. CAGNEY then agreed that MEYER would be retained to give assistance to the group in this matter, and MEYER was to discuss the plan with BONAARD HUGHES to see if he desired to be taken in. MEYER remarked that he could guarantee the deal being arranged within two weeks.

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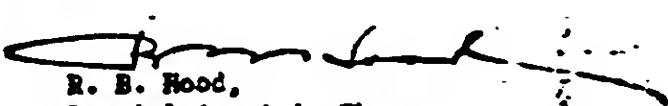
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[REDACTED]

MEYER made the following general comments with reference to his reported contacts in Washington. He related that HOWARD HUGHES had contacts there whom HUGHES only used about once a year, and it was MEYER's opinion that these contacts would pay off with a few little favors, and that the instant deal in which CAGNEY was interested was certainly not "like stealing something". MEYER remarked that he had every angle there is in Washington under control.

Should this office receive further information with regard to MEYER's contacts and the deal mentioned herein, the Bureau will be immediately notified.

Very truly yours,


R. B. Hood,
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS., MISC, INFO CONCERNING. MEYER RETURN-
ED TO LA FROM NYC MARCH FIVE ON THE PLANE FLOWN BY HOWARD
HUGHES. AMONG THE PASSENGERS ON THE TRIP FROM NYC WERE GOV-
ERNOR M.C. WALLGREN, WASHINGTON, EX PRINCE CARL JOHAN BERNA-
DOTTE, AND HIS WIFE. [REDACTED]

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PUBLICITY TRIP [REDACTED] TO LAS VEGAS, NEVADA WITH
HOWARD HUGHES, REPORTED AS DELAYED [REDACTED]
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cc - Mr. Rosen, C-140
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JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS, MISC., INFORMATION CONCERNING. SECURTEL
MARCH FOURTEEN INSTANT. NO VERIFICATION OF REPORT ON HUGHES AND
ELLIOT T. ROOSEVELT'S STORY TO DATE. HUGHES REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN
AWAY FROM LA SINCE RETURN FROM NYC MARCH FIFTH. NO INFO AVAILABLE
INDICATING MEYER AWARE OF PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP. WILL ENDEAVOR TO
SECURE INFO THROUGH INFORMANTS AND ADVISE.

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TO : MR. E. A. Tamm *ET*

DATE: March 14, 1946

FROM : *R* A. Rosen *in*SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, was
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PURPOSE

To advise of information developed concerning the recent inaugural flight of the "Constellation" from Los Angeles to New York in which subject Meyer and Howard Hughes participated;

[REDACTED]

INFORMATION CONCERNING INAUGURAL FLIGHT OF "CONSTELLATION"

The Los Angeles Division learned that "Bugsy" Siegel, notorious West Coast racketeer stated he had been invited by Howard Hughes to make the recent inaugural trip on the "Constellation" from Los Angeles to New York. Siegel explained, however, that he was unable to accept, not indicating the reason why.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Governor M. C. Wallgren of Washington and ex-Prince Carl Johan Bernadotte and his wife accompanied subject Meyer and Howard Hughes when they recently returned by plane to Los Angeles.

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A recent edition in the Danton Walker column "Broadway" on March 11, 1946, advised that "Elliott-Roosevelt's next business partner will be Howard Hughes."

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MEMO TO MR. E. A. Tamm

ACTION TAKEN

This case is being closely supervised and the Los Angeles Office has been requested to submit a summary report of all investigation conducted to date. It is expected this report will be received at the Bureau on or about March 21.

The Los Angeles Division has also been requested to sutel any information they might have indicating that Elliott Roosevelt will soon be associated with Howard Hughes.

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cc Mr. Rosen
Mr. McCabe
Mr. O'Grady

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES** FILE NO. **62-2682**

REPORT MADE AT: LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/18/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/30-3/15/46	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: JOHN WILLIAM MYER, with aliases Johnny Meyers, Johnny Myers, John Morris			CHARACTER OF CASE: MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

**SUMMARY REPORT
PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL**

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Synopsis:

[REDACTED] became friendly with **HOWARD HUGHES** and obtained position as Director of Public Relations with **HUGHES** August, 1942. He has been personal confidant for **HUGHES**. He is reported to make acquaintances with numerous women in whom **HUGHES** is interested. [REDACTED] allegedly used his friendship with **FAVE** and **ELIZABETH TAYLOR** to further interests of **HUGHES'** enterprises.

[REDACTED] reportedly used his influence to secure five and a half million feet of film in **HUGHES'** picture "The Outlaw."

Records **LDB** show subject deferred on basis of position with **Hughes Aircraft**.

References:

Bureau letter, May 10, 1945.

Reports of Special Agent [REDACTED]

Los Angeles, June 4 and 11, 1945.

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MEYER'S ACTIVITY IN CONNECTION WITH HOWARD HUGHES:

Business

As previously mentioned in this report, MEYER first became acquainted with HOWARD HUGHES in 1940 or 1941 and was reported to secure girls for HOWARD HUGHES' parties. He then became Public Relations Director for Hughes Aircraft Corporation. As a result of his acquaintance with HUGHES, MEYER became associated with HENRY KAISER, the ship builder and industrialist

[REDACTED]

According to [REDACTED] HOWARD HUGHES, during the early part of 1945, gave an open house for a group of visiting Russians, whom he was attempting to interest in an experimental transport ship, then on the drawing board at Hughes Aircraft. HUGHES intended to sell the Russians an order on this experimental ship.

[REDACTED]

Through the use of a highly confidential source, information was obtained concerning personal papers maintained at the subject's residence, 1134 North Ogden Drive. Among these papers was a memorandum dated December 22, 1944, on the stationery of Hughes Productions, which stated that Hughes Productions had used up its quota of raw film and that unless a WFB order relaxing its quota could be obtained, the studio would not be able to release the picture "The Outlaw." Further, it stated it was necessary to obtain five and a half million feet of 35 mm. raw film and that United Artists were releasing this picture for HUGHES, and unless this amount of film was obtained, the release could not be made.

[REDACTED] advised on July 21, 1945 that HOWARD HUGHES was then ready to release the picture "The Outlaw" and it was indicated that the raw film must have been obtained by HUGHES through some other source than the WFB..

[REDACTED]

This source related as far as he knew there was no illegal juggling of priorities in connection with obtaining the film for "The Outlaw."

[REDACTED] on August 30, 1945, advised it was his opinion EDWARD HUGHES could not have stocked four or five million feet of film at the Romine plant, as it was too large an amount to have accumulated from other pictures, and that no one was astute enough prior to the war to store such a quantity of film. b2/b7c

[REDACTED] b7c

A further review of the file reflects that MEYER has assisted EDWARD HUGHES in endeavoring to secure the services of SOL LEBOWITZ, United Artists, and HARRY GOLD, United Artists, to help in the handling of the release of the motion picture "The Outlaw." SOL LEBOWITZ apparently was not available to assist HUGHES and according to the "Variety" on December 12, 1945, HARRY GOLD, United Artists Eastern Sales Manager, resigned his position to become general manager of the world-wide distribution of EDWARD HUGHES' productions.

MEYER is also believed to have been assisting HUGHES in endeavoring to secure the services of FRANCIS FOLSON, noted Cleveland attorney, to aid HUGHES in getting "The Outlaw" passed by the censors of several states.

According to [REDACTED] racket Club in Palm Springs, California, HUGHES' office made reservations for FRANCIS FOLSON and his son to stay at the club from December 15 through December 29, 1945. At the same time reservations were also made by HUGHES' office for former Governor BRICKER of Ohio. b7c/d

During the course of a surveillance made on August 20, 1945 at Los Angeles, it was noted that MEYER had lunch with JACK FRYE, President of U.A., and MISTRICH of Hughes Aircraft, Houston, Texas, at Romine's Restaurant in Hollywood. A portion of the conversation of these individuals was overheard and MEYER and FRYE were heard to discuss changes in the administrative personnel at Hughes Aircraft. FRYE and MEYER appeared

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anxious to replace CHARLES PERELLI, Executive Vice President, Hughes Aircraft, in charge of production. MEYER particularly was insistent that PERELLI be replaced and discussed an interview with EUD GILLIES of Ryan Aircraft, San Diego, who was considered as a possible successor to PERELLI.

By physical surveillance it was learned that HOWARD HUGHES, together with MEYER, YVONNE DeCARLO and JIMMY WELLS, visited the Florentine Gardens in Hollywood on September 19, 1945. During this visit to the night club HUGHES and MEYER were overheard to discuss the dismissal of CHARLES PERELLI. HUGHES advised MEYER confidentially that PERELLI would be replaced as soon as a suitable man could be found and that MEYER was to receive a raise.

The Los Angeles Times for January 9, 1946, reported that HOWARD HUGHES' Culver City plant was undergoing an administrative shake-up which was capped by the resignation of General Manager CHARLES M. PERELLI. HUGHES was reported to have said that he and PERELLI had disagreed over the manner in which the plant should be operated and related that he could not begin to tell all the disagreements which had occurred in regard to policy.

Through [REDACTED] it was ascertained that HOWARD HUGHES was planning to take a party of prominent Hollywood persons aboard the inaugural passenger flight of the Constellation from Los Angeles to New York and return. It was stated that MEYER was endeavoring to get such people as L. B. NAYER, JACK WARNER, DARREL ZANUCK, CARY GRANT, INGRID BERGMAN and others to make the trip. b7c/

Through [REDACTED] it was ascertained that MEYER sent a wire to TED SAUCIER, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, on February 5, 1946, stating that he appreciated SAUCIER's cooperation and would make a list which would be forwarded to the hotel as soon as possible. It is believed that this wire pertained to the making of the reservations for the group which was to go to New York in HOWARD HUGHES' plane. It was determined through [REDACTED] previously mentioned, that HOWARD HUGHES would pilot the Constellation which was to leave at midnight on February 14, 1946 with many Hollywood stars. b2/b b7c/

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to Las Vegas on Saturday, February 29th, in the Constellation, as a guest of HOWARD HUGHES. It was thought that MEYER would go along on the trip and that the main object of this trip would be for publicity purposes. Subsequently this source reported that the trip had been postponed inasmuch as HUGHES and MEYER did not return to Los Angeles on the date expected.

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Social

From a review of the file, it is noted that such sources as [REDACTED] have frequently reported that the subject endeavors to become acquainted with the majority of the prominent movie actresses, and that it was apparent that subject was endeavoring to become acquainted with certain actresses in order that he might be able to introduce them to HOWARD HUGHES. The subject reportedly endeavored to become acquainted with such persons as DIANA LYNN, JOAN LESLIE, GAIL RUSSELL, JEANNE CRAIN, BARBARA BATES and others. b2/b7c

The file further reflects that MEYER has, on numerous occasions, been in contact with FAITH DOMER, also known as FAITH DOMERELL, who resides in Hollywood. Miss DOMER was employed by Howard Hughes Productions and has been under contract to him for several years. Further, in the past, MEYER has been in frequent contact with MIA MICKLIN who, according to report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated September 6, 1945 at Los Angeles, was picked up on August 25, 1945 and driven to [REDACTED] airport. b7c
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b7c

According to [REDACTED] MEYER planned to fly to Vancouver over the Labor Day week end of 1945, with HOWARD HUGHES and YVONNE DeCARLO. It was learned that this party then continued to Reno and Las Vegas. [REDACTED]

business agent in 1941, as the result of his friendship with EDWARD HUGHES.

[REDACTED] previously mentioned herein, stated that Lockheed was building the Constellation, an airplane planned by HUGHES, [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] T.S., in which BULLIS is financially interested, was hopeful of obtaining certain valuable trans-oceanic contracts which were then being bid for by Pan American. It was his opinion that a member of the ROOSEVELT family being close to MEYER would facilitate the expected contracts being granted to the Hughes-Jack Frye interests.

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The New York Field Office, by report dated July 20, 1945,
made by Special Agent [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] It was noted that the subject and HOWARD HUGHES were
at the Waldorf Astoria on June 14, 1945.

The New York Daily News dated July 6, 1945 featured an
article in which Representative SHAFER urged an investigation to determine
whether the CAA was under pressure brought by ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT in making
its decision to permit the TWA to engage in trans-Atlantic service. Repres-
entative SHAFER pointed out when ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT returned to the U. S. from
England during the fall of 1944, he was met by JOHN MEYER, a personal repres-
entative of HOWARD HUGHES. SHAFER stated MEYER consequently became a spokes-
man "not only for HUGHES but for ROOSEVELT and made the announcement that
ROOSEVELT would go to California to marry FAYE EMERSON."

SHAFER reported MEYER had gone to Hyde Park, where he had
conferred with the late President ROOSEVELT. He stated that when ELLIOTT
and FAYE were married, the entire wedding party was flown from California
to Grand Canyon by JACK FREY, president of TWA.

The New York office reported that the name of HOWARD HUGHES
and JOHN MEYER had appeared occasionally in local newspaper columns as having
been observed in various night clubs in New York City.

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Bureau letter dated May 10, 1945 reported that an extremely
confidential source advised the New York Field Office that on March 30, 1945
HOWARD HUGHES and MEYER had a party at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in the suite

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of HOWARD HUGHES, apparently for J. A. KRUG, WPB. [REDACTED]

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The Washington Field Office, by letter dated June 23, 1945, reported that the records at the Statler Hotel, Washington, D.C., showed MEYER checked in at that hotel on June 10, 1945 and had Penthouse Suite, Rooms 1140 and 1141 at \$25.00 per day. He was registered from the Hughes Aircraft Company, Culver City, California. The records also show that on June 19, 1945 CLIFF BROUGHTON also checked into the same suite and registered as a representative of the Hughes Tool Company.

[REDACTED]

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Through [REDACTED] it was ascertained that MEYER wired THOMAS JOYCE, Jr., Waldorf Towers, New York City, March 18, 1945, stating "Arriving Statler Hotel Monday night on business for ROBERT GROSS." [REDACTED] b2/670

It is to be noted that ROBERT GROSS is president of the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, and through [REDACTED] previously mentioned herein, it was ascertained that the only official business which MEYER was interested in and which related to Lockheed was the modification of a contract between Lockheed and TWA, in which HUGHES had a large interest. [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] Continuing, he reported that when the Lockheed-TWA contract change was first proposed, there were several meetings between officials of the companies and several social functions which MEYER conducted himself prominently. MEYER acted as the social representative of HOWARD HUGHES at these functions.

Concerning the wire sent by MEYER relative to his being on business for ROBERT GROSS, it was believed that the above information explained the purpose of the trip. [REDACTED] b7c

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On October 18, 1945 the Los Angeles Times reported that ERIC JOHNSTON, head of the Motion Picture Association, announced that he had offered KRUG a position as Vice President of the M.P.A. in charge of the Hollywood office. This position was reported to pay an annual salary of \$75,000.

"Variety" for October 22, 1945, related that KRUG had left Palm Springs on October 21st for Washington, D.C., and was expected to give his answer to the film companies before the end of the following week.

"Variety" for October 23, 1945, stated KRUG had also received an offer from FLOYD ODLUM to become an executive of the Atlas Corp., and that HOWARD HUGHES had offered him a position as an executive in charge of foreign operations for TWA.

[REDACTED] reported that MEYER had wired Dr. LEWIS E. MARKS, Publicer, Commercial Alcohol Company, 1429 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, on December 13, 1945, stating "Have been in Palm Springs for a week. Will you please ask KRUG to answer my letter regarding Mirador Hotel properties in Palm Springs. FRANCIS POULSON arriving here this week end for conferences with HUGHES. Hope you are O.K. Regards."

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] At that time [REDACTED] related he had received information which amounted to a rumor that HUGHES and JACK FRYE were negotiating with the Russians for an airline to that country. It was thought that ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT was being used to further the plans in this regard.

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Information has been previously set forth in this report [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and that MEYER would be in a position to facilitate contracts being granted for the HUGHES-FRYE interests through his contact with the ROOSEVELT family.

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[REDACTED]

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By surveillance it was ascertained on August 20, 1945 that MEYER had lunch with JACK FRYE and MORTIMER of Hughes Aircraft, at Connors's Restaurant in Hollywood. A portion of the conversation of these individuals was overheard and MEYER and FRYE were discussing changes in the administrative personnel at Hughes Aircraft. Particularly the conversation dealt with CHARLES PERILLO, executive vice president of Hughes Aircraft, which information has been set forth in detail previously in this report.

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It is noted that when HOWARD HUGHES and HENRY returned from their trip to New York City on March 5, 1946 aboard the Constellation, that WALLGREN was one of the passengers who returned with them.

██████████ on February 7, 1946, reported that recently
ATLANTA HOST gave a cocktail party and that prior to the party

stated GOVERNOR WALLACE of Washington attended this party and that when HUGHES and PEYER made their appearance at the party they spent most of their time with Governor WALLACE.

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GOVERNMENT

TO : LT. E. A. TAYLOR

DATE: March 15, 1946

FROM : R. A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, was;
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNED

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Memo. for Mr. Tamm

JOHN SMALL, CIVILIAN PRODUCTION BOARD

In a conversation with another individual Meyer is stated to have mentioned the name of John Small formerly under Julius Krug with the War Production Board and at present in charge of the Civilian Production Board, which handles all building materials. Meyer described Small as a "stumble bum," whom he had known for many years. Meyer also related that it was through John Small that he had been able to secure 8 million feet of movie film. Previous information in this case suggests that the reference to the latter film has to do with film needed by Edward Hughes for distribution of his picture, "The Outlaw."

ACTION TAKEN:

The Los Angeles Division has been requested to submit by teletype the identity of the informant furnishing the foregoing information and it has again been requested to follow all leads in this case expeditiously and discreetly.

Central Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles 13, California
March 29, 1946

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

Re: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, was.
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION
CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your teletype dated March 25, 1946
in the above captioned case.

[REDACTED] b7

It has been reported that the subject, who is employed as the Director of Public Relations for HOWARD HUGHES, has used his friendship with these outstanding personages in order to further the business interests of HOWARD HUGHES and for himself. MEYER is stated to endeavor to ingratiate these people to him by doing outstanding favors for them. In the past MEYER has been known to have been a visitor at the White House during the time when former President ROOSEVELT was in office. This contact with the White House was believed to have been developed through MEYER's acquaintanceship with ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. Rosen

DATE: April 2, 1946

FROM : J. V. O'Grady

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER
MISCELLANEOUS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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[REDACTED] b7c

While the Los Angeles Division has not been in a position to develop information to date concerning the alleged coming partnership of Howard Hughes and Elliot Roosevelt, it is expected that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] will have some information along this line in the near future. It was anticipated that he would be in touch with subject Meyer and Howard Hughes over the past weekend. b7c

[REDACTED] b2/b7D

ACTION TAKEN

A teletype has been dispatched to the Los Angeles Division requesting any information which might have been developed by [REDACTED] contact with subject Meyer and Howard Hughes during the past weekend. b7c

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DIRECTOR URGENT

UPON WILLIAM MEYER, WAS, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERN-

[REDACTED] NANCY VALENTINE,
FORMER NEW YORK MODEL RECENTLY SIGNED BY HOWARD HUGHES
FOR HIS MOTION PICTURES. INFORMANTS UNABLE TO SECURE
FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING ALLEGED PARTNERSHIP OF HUGHES
AND ELLIOT ROOSEVELT. HOWEVER, [REDACTED] EXPECTS TO BE IN
CONTACT WITH HUGHES AND MEYER [REDACTED]

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

NY FILE NO. 62-2491

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 4/4/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/2/46	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] Sherry-Netherland Hotel, NYC, advised subject made reservations at hotel for HOWARD HUGHES and group of motion picture stars who made flight on constellation plane from California to NYC 2/15/46. [REDACTED] stated MEYER was in charge of arranging reception for the press reporters in connection with the publicity relative to the flight, and also that the hotel bill of the party was being paid by a NYC advertising firm but was reluctant to disclose its identity. [REDACTED] advised subject's suite had been occupied by various individuals of the group during their hotel stay, and that due to the constant telephone usage in the suite, it would be impossible to determine whom MEYER had contacted telephonically. [REDACTED] stated he would advise the NY Field Office upon MEYER's departure from the hotel.

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REFERENCE:

Teletype from Los Angeles, 2/27/46
Teletype to Bureau and Los Angeles, 3/2/46.

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DETAILS:

[REDACTED] Sherry-Netherland Hotel, 5th Avenue and East 54th Street, New York City, advised that MEYER was instrumental in arranging for the reservations at the hotel for a party of approximately forty motion picture stars and their friends who had been guests of HOWARD HUGHES on a flight of his constellation plane from California to New York City on February 15, 1946. b7c

[REDACTED] also advised that MEYER had also been in charge of arrangements for the reception and entertainment of press reporters at the hotel who were assigned to cover the publicity relative to the flight, and also was apparently in charge of arranging details regarding the entertainment of HOWARD HUGHES' guests. [REDACTED] further advised that since MEYER's arrival at the hotel, he had occupied suite #19B, which consisted of a living room and two bed rooms at \$30 per day. He stated that the suite had also been occupied at various times by WALTER SANE, whom he described as a Hollywood agent, and also JOHN K. CASHIO, husband of CONSTANCE MOORE, who were members of the original constellation flight party.

Inquiry was made of [REDACTED] of the possibility of obtaining the telephone numbers which were called from the suite occupied by the subject, and he stated that this would be impractical due to the fact that the telephone service in suite #19B was in constant use and it would be impossible to determine the calls made by MEYER due to the continuous use of the suite by his room companions and other guests of the HOWARD HUGHES party.

An attempt was made to ascertain who had assumed the obligations of the hotel bill which was being incurred by the group. [REDACTED] advised that it was his understanding that it was being paid by a New York City advertising firm, but he declined to disclose its identity.

In regard to the subject's stay at the Sherry-Netherland, [REDACTED] said that the reservations for the group had originally been made to terminate on February 17, last, two days after the party's arrival, but these plans had been repeatedly changed. He stated that although the original party had been greatly reduced in number due to departures, HOWARD HUGHES and the subject continued to remain in the hotel, and it was not indicated at that time when they contemplated to depart. [REDACTED] was requested to personally advise the writer through the New York Field Division immediately upon his receipt of any information which would indicate when the subject would leave the hotel, which [REDACTED] agreed to do. b7c

NY 62-8491

On March 11, 1946, the New York Field Division received a copy of a teletype by air mail which had been sent to the Bureau from Los Angeles Field Division dated March 7, 1946, which stated that MEYER had returned to Los Angeles from New York City on March 5, last, on a plane flown by HOWARD HUGHES.

All outstanding leads in the New York Field Division having been covered, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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CONF. INFT.

JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING. REURTEL APRIL 2 LAST. [REDACTED] CONTACTED MEYER AND HOWARD HUGHES SEPARATELY AT BACHELOR PARTY, CLOVER CLUB, BEVERLY HILLS, MARCH 30 LAST. WHEN QUESTIONED AS TO HUGHES AND ROOSEVELT PARTNERSHIP, MEYER STATED THERE WAS NO DEAL AND HUGHES REPLIED BY QUOTE SHRUGGING UNQUOTE OFF THE QUESTION AND MADE NO COMMENT. MEYER ASKED THE SOURCE OF INFORMANTS DATA AND DESIRED TO SEE COPY OF WALKERS COLUMN. INFORMANT FEELS MEYER AND HUGHES REACTION MEANS NOTHING THAN THAT THEY DO NOT WISH TO DISCUSS THE MATTER. WEEKLY SUMMARY LETTER BEING FORWARDED AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY APRIL 4 NEXT.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. E. A. Tamm

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases
MISCELLANEOUS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 4-4-46

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] contacted subject Meyer and Howard Hughes separately at a bachelor party at the Clover Club in Beverly Hills on March 30 last. He inquired of both of them concerning information contained in Lanton Walker's syndicated column "Broadway", which indicated that Elliot Roosevelt would soon become a partner of Howard Hughes. Hughes shrugged off the question and Meyer stated that there was no deal. [REDACTED] feels nevertheless that these reactions mean nothing other than that Meyer and Hughes did not care to discuss the matter.

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Director, FBI

Re: JOE WILLIAM MEYER, was.
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION
CONCERNING.

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[REDACTED] on April 16, 1946, reported [REDACTED] had advised that the proposed visit to Palm Springs by Assistant Postmaster General GALE SULLIVAN had been called off as Mr. SULLIVAN had to change his plans. It was noted in the Los Angeles Times that Mr. SULLIVAN had left New York City on April 17, 1946, for Los Angeles, and was expected to arrive here that night. It was said that Mr. SULLIVAN was interested in a program concerning the use of helicopter planes for mail service. This source, on the same date, advised that Governor MON C. WALLGREN of Washington, who was then staying at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, desired to have [REDACTED] get in touch with him at that hotel. It will be recalled [REDACTED] has been in contact with Governor WALLGREN on numerous occasions and that Governor WALLGREN returned from New York City on the constellation with HOWARD HUGHES and JOE MEYER during the early part of March. [REDACTED]

On the same date this source reported [REDACTED] in contact with HOWARD HUGHES with reference [REDACTED] leaving Los Angeles to go to New York. [REDACTED] could furnish no information with reference to the purpose [REDACTED] trip to New York. [REDACTED]

Director, FBI

Re: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, was.
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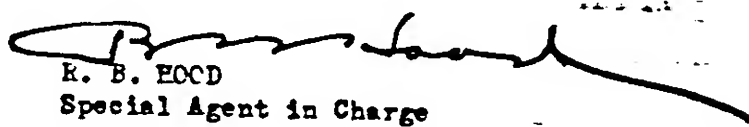
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On the same date [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that an unidentified individual in Rio de Janeiro had endeavored to contact [REDACTED] and was informed that he could be reached at the Sherry-Netherland or Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. It is possible that the unidentified individual in Rio may be [REDACTED] Copacabana Hotel, Rio de Janeiro, concerning whom information was set forth in my letter of April 4, 1946. The referenced letter reflected that [REDACTED] had been in contact [REDACTED] with reference to a proposed trip to Rio de Janeiro which HUGHES and [REDACTED] and possibly movie stars, were to make.

Very truly yours,


R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

WJH:VKS
62-2682



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Los Angeles, California
April 4, 1946

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

Re: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases
MISCELLANEOUS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your teletype of March 29, 1946, instructing that a weekly summary letter be submitted to the Bureau reflecting the results of [REDACTED]

~~CONF. INFO~~

The following confidential information was furnished by [REDACTED] for the period March 26 through April 3, 1946:

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Director

Re: John William Meyer, was.

April 4, 1946

[REDACTED]

March 29

The Western Union office [REDACTED] and read a telegram from [REDACTED] Copacabana Hotel, Rio de Janeiro, which read: "Copacabana will be very glad to pay for trip. We would appreciate however if a similar or better deal than the one we did for models with TACA Airway could be worked out. In any case we will meet with any expenses necessary. Copacabana invites the party and will pay for everything here. Try to get enough people to fill up a plane. TACA plane holds 15 to 18 people. As agreed in our telephone conversation no publicity will be made by Copacabana in connection with the trip. Best regards." This particular trip apparently refers to trip proposed by HOWARD HUGHES, which will undoubtedly include Meyer and notable movie stars such as CARY GRANT and others.

March 30

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Director

Re: John William Meyer, was.

April 4, 1946

[REDACTED] discussed a party being held at which
HOWARD HUGHES would be present. [REDACTED] indicated that she would be there.
(This undoubtedly refers to the party given by CARY GRANT, JIMMY STEWART,
and others at the Clover Club, Beverly Hills, on March 30.)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] called HOWARD HUGHES and discussed DIANA LYNN, prominent movie
actress in Hollywood, and indicated that he did not desire to have the news-
papers make any comment concerning his interest in Diana Lynn or that he was
making a play for her.

March 31

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Director

Re: John William Meyer, was.

April 4, 1946

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April 2

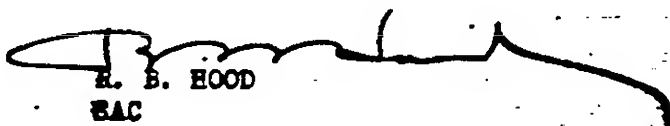
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April 3

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Of interest, it is noted that the Los Angeles Times carried a news article which was datelined in New York April 3, 1946, under the caption, "ELLIOTT and FAYE ROOSEVELT Plan Radio Program." It was stated that ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT and FAYE EMERSON were putting on the finishing touches of a radio program which they hoped would catch the soap opera trade and which is to be known as "Elliott and Faye of Hyde Park," to be heard for fifteen minutes five times a week, provided a sponsor and the time could be obtained. The program is to be produced in a Manhattan studio and transcribed to records. It was stated that the bulk of the program would be given to chitchat between Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt and their guest of the day.

Very truly yours,


R. B. HOOD
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California
April 12, 1946

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

Re: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases
MISCELLANEOUS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your teletype dated March 29, 1946 instructing that a weekly summary letter be submitted reflecting the information made available by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

TACA is a subsidiary of the TWA, and HOWARD HUGHES has an interest in that company.

With reference to TACA attention is directed to my letter of April 4, 1946 wherein on page two, information is set forth concerning a Western Union telegram from [REDACTED] Copacabana Hotel, Rio de Janeiro to [REDACTED]. This telegram set forth information relative to a proposed trip to Rio de Janeiro and the use of a TACA plane. It is possible that [REDACTED] being connected with TACA, desired to [REDACTED] with reference to this matter. [REDACTED] reported that it had been ascertained [REDACTED] was staying at the La Fonda Hotel in Santa Fe. There is no other pertinent information available in the Los Angeles Field Office files with reference to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] reported on April 6, 1946 that [REDACTED] had instructed a guard at Hughes Aircraft Company to pick up a car which MEYER and HOWARD



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Los Angeles 13, California
April 19, 1946

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re: JOE WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases.
MISCELLANEOUS;
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Dear Sir:

The following is a summary of information made available by covering the period of April 12 through April 18, 1946:

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Letter to Director

April 12, 1946

Re: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, was,

HUGHES had used on returning to Los Angeles on the evening of April 5.

[REDACTED] on April 8, reported that [REDACTED] sent a message to the effect that he was having a luncheon engagement with GAIL RUSSELL.

[REDACTED] GAIL RUSSELL is a motion picture actress in whom HOWARD HUGHES has previously indicated considerable interest.

[REDACTED] and further, this source related that [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] to get invitations for HOWARD HUGHES and himself for the party that evening so that they might meet Generals HAP ARNOLD and CARL SPAATZ. [REDACTED] indicated he would endeavor to secure the necessary invitations.

[REDACTED] Both Mr. and Mrs. POWELL were on the recent trip of the Constellation with HUGHES and MEYER from New York to Los Angeles.

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WASHINGTON 20 LOS ANGELES 2 FROM NEW YORK 29 7-00 PM

DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS, MISC INFORMATION CONCERNING. SUBJECT CHECKED IN AT SHERRY NETHERLANDS HOTEL, NYC, APRIL SEVENTEENTH LAST. SUBSEQUENTLY MADE RESERVATIONS FOR HOWARD HUGHES WHO ARRIVED APRIL TWENTY SEVENTH LAST. IN EARLY PART OF APRIL, MEYER MADE TELEPHONIC RESERVATION FROM CALIFORNIA TO THE SHERRY NETHERLANDS HOTEL FOR MRS. STEPHEN CRANE, NEE LANA TURNER, WHO ARRIVED APRIL THIRTEENTH LAST AND IS STILL THERE. HE HAS ALSO MADE RESERVATION FOR CARY GRANT WHO IS TO ARRIVE FROM EUROPE ON MAY FIFTH NEXT. ENTIRE BILL OF APPROXIMATELY SEVENTEEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS FOR EARLIER PARTY OF ABOUT FORTY GUESTS BROUGHT FROM CALIFORNIA BY HUGHES ON FEBRUARY FIFTEENTH LAST, PAID BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF FRED ELDEAN PUBLICITY AGENT FOR TWA. SUBJECT HAS ADVISED HOTEL MANAGER THAT HE INTENDS TO STAY ABOUT FIVE OR SIX DAYS LONGER, THEN FLY TO BRAZIL WITH HUGHES. BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION WILL BE ADVISED OF RESULT OF CHECK ON SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES HERE INCLUDING PHONE CALLS MADE FROM HOTEL.

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RE JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, MISCELLANEOUS, INFO CONCERNING. SUBJECT ACCOMPANIED BY HOWARD HUGHES, FLEW TO LOUISVILLE, KY, MAY FOURTH LAST TO ATTEND THE KENTUCKY DERBY. RESERVATIONS WERE MADE FOR THEM AT THE HENRY CLAY HOTEL THERE. BOTH WERE EXPECTED BACK AT THE SHERRY-NETHERLAND HOTEL, NYC, MOMENTARILY. AT TWO AM TODAY, EDT, JOE ROWAN, WHO IS STILL OCCUPYING MEYERS SUITE, GOT A LONG DISTANCE CALL FROM A MR. SHURR AT CRESTVIEW SIX SEVEN SEVEN TWO THREE, LOSA. SHURR WANTED MEYER TO TALK TO HUGHES AS QUOTE ~~FOR~~ MORE WANTS AN ANSWER. UNQUOTE. ROWAN ADVISED SHURR THAT BOTH MEYER AND HUGHES WERE AT THE DERBY BUT WERE EXPECTED BACK VERY SHORTLY. HE PROMISED TO HAVE MEYER CALL SHURR. SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED FOR SWITCH-BOARD COVERAGE OF INCOMING AND OUTGOING CALLS FOR BOTH HUGHES AND MEYERS AT SHERRY - NETHERLAND HOTEL FOR FIVE PM TO EIGHT AM SHIFT. BUREAU AND LOSA. WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF RESULTS.

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WASH 20 LOSA 2 FROM NEW YORK 30 7-06 PM

DIRECTOR AND SAC URGENT

JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS., MISCELLANEOUS, INFO CONCERNING. JOE
 HOGAN BELIEVED TO BE CONNECTED WITH NY OFFICE TWA. PRESENTLY
 LIVING AT SHERRY NETHERLANDS HOTEL IN SAME SUITE WITH SUBJECT.
 SUBJECT PRESENTLY ILL. DID NOT LEAVE APARTMENT YESTERDAY OR
 TODAY. BEING TREATED BY DOCTOR FOR MINOR THROAT INFECTION RESEV-
 BLING TRENCH MOUTH. HAS PRIVATE DAY AND NIGHT NURSE. HOWARD
 HUGHES REMAINED IN HIS OWN APARTMENT ALL DAY.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
 United States Department of Justice
 Los Angeles 13, California
 April 26, 1946

J. Edgar Hoover
 Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 U.S. Department of Justice
 Washington, D.C.

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Re: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases.
 MISCELLANEOUS;
 INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Dear Sir:

The following information is a summary of that data made available by [redacted] for the period of April 19th through April 24, 1946.

[redacted]

[redacted] advised that on April 19th an individual who identified herself as [redacted] of the Cosmopolitan Magazine endeavored to contact [redacted] to seeing HOWARD HUGHES concerning a story on censorship.

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For the remainder of the period through April 24th, [redacted] furnished no information which would be considered of interest to this investigation.

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Director, FBI

Re: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, was
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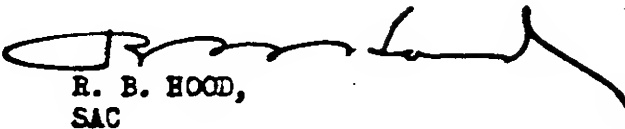
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Your attention is directed to my Personal and Confidential letter of March 11, 1946 where on page 2 you were advised information was set forth which was received from a confidential source to the effect that

[REDACTED] b7c

For your information an effort was made with negative results to secure information relative to the identity of the individual in Florida by checking [REDACTED] b7c

Very truly yours,


R. B. HOOD,
SAC

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

FILE NO. **62-26827**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 4/26/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/16 - 4/24/46	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE JOHN WILLIAM LEYER, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

DANTON WALKER, New York Columnist, reported ELLIOT ROOSEVELT was to become partner of HOWARD HUGHES; however, informants in Los Angeles unable to verify story.



[REDACTED]

LEYER continues close contact with HUGHES and contacts movie actresses in whom HUGHES is interested.

[REDACTED]

lawsuit brought by HUGHES against Motion Pictures Association.

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FBI - LOS ANGELES
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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]
Los Angeles, 3/18/46.
Telegrams to New York City, 4/19/46;
4/19/46.

DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

MEYER'S ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH
HOWARD HUGHES

B U S I N E S S

CONF. INFO. The Bureau by teletype dated March 14, 1946, advised that DANTON WALKER's Column "BROADWAY" on March 11th reported that ELLIOT ROOSEVELT would be a partner of HOWARD HUGHES. [REDACTED] failed to develop any information to verify the report in DANTON WALKER's column. [REDACTED] made arrangements to endeavor to secure information on this matter from subject MEYER.

On April 3, 1946, [REDACTED] had been in contact with MEYER and HOWARD HUGHES separately at the Bachelor Party given at the Clover Club, Beverly Hills, California, on March 31, 1946 and had questioned HUGHES as to the possible partnership with ROOSEVELT. HUGHES merely replied by "shrugging off the question" and making no comment. MEYER, when questioned, stated there was no deal and asked for the informant's source of the report, as he desired to see a copy of the column in which it was printed. It was this informant's opinion that he felt MEYER and HUGHES' reaction to the question meant nothing more than that they do not wish to discuss the matter.

The Bureau by teletype dated March 16th, advised that DANTON WALKER's column mentioned above for March 16th stated that HOWARD HUGHES was taking a group of movie stars to Washington, D.C., in connection with the Cancer Drive and would visit the President. With regard to the above mentioned matter, it was ascertained through L. S. FROST, Assistant to the Vice President, National Broadcasting Company, Hollywood, that tentative plans had been made for the T.W.A. to furnish the Constellation to take a group of movie stars, including BOB HOPE, SPENCER TRACY, CARL GRANT and others East on April 19, 1946.

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The Los Angeles DAILY NEWS for April 22, 1946 carried an article regarding the Committee Rally scheduled for April 30th at Los Angeles opening the UNITED JEWISH WELFARE'S FUNDS FIVE MILLION DOLLAR FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL DRIVE. The rally will be held at the Shrine Auditorium and EDDIE CAITOR was named as Program Chairman. Also listed among these entertainers and speakers were BORAHUE, EARL C. HARRISON, Dean of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, ELLIOT ROSEWALT and others.

In the referenced report of the writer dated March 18, 1946 information was set forth relative to the securing of raw film for the motion picture "The Outlaw." Since the release of this motion picture there has been considerable controversy relative to the advertising ethics used on the part of HOWARD HUGHES.

On April 12, 1946 the Los Angeles TIMES reported that the HUGHES' film "The Outlaw" was drawing fire of the Motion Pictures Association and that he had been summoned to appear before the Board of Directors to answer a charge of violating "standards of good taste" with newspaper, magazine and billboard advertisements. HUGHES was requested to appear before the Board to offer evidence at a hearing before the Board in New York on April 23rd unless before that date he discontinued use of all disapproved and unsubmitted advertising.

In an article dated April 23, 1946 in the Los Angeles TIMES, it was noted that HOWARD HUGHES was reported to have filed a five million dollar damage suit against the National Motion Pictures Association and announced his withdrawal from that association.

The Los Angeles DAILY NEWS indicated that the instant suit was filed in New York City and pertained to the charges made by the Motion Picture Association with regard to "The Outlaw." It was further stated that HUGHES stated that "a careful study of the Hays Office convinces me that the entire Hays Office in its very essential fundamentals is a group boycott in restraint of trade and in absolute violation of the Anti-Trust laws of this country." HUGHES' reference to the Hays Office is in fact to the Motion Pictures Association which is now headed by ERIC JOHNSTON. In regard to his above mentioned lawsuit filed in Federal Court in New York City, it is to be noted that JOHN HENK departed from Los Angeles on April 19th and has been staying at the Sherry Netherlands Hotel from that date and not expected to leave New York until May 2, 1946. It is possible that his presence in New York was due to the proposed action taken by HOWARD HUGHES.



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S O C I A L

[REDACTED] 62/67

The Hollywood REPORTER in a column by EDITH-GLYNN reported March 29, 1946 that JOHN MEYER was trying hard to play cupid for LINDA LYNN and HENRY WILSON. It was stated that MEYER had been seeing his doctor as he had high blood pressure.

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The Hollywood REPORTER for March 18, 1946 advised that a party was given for HOWARD HUGHES which included CORNEL WILDES, LINDA DARNELL, CONNIE MOORE, CARY GRANT, TERESA WRIGHT and others. JANE PHOENIX and JOHN MEYER were present at the party and left to go to Palm Springs thereafter.

The party was given by CARY GRANT, JIMMY STEWART and others at the Clover Club, Los Angeles, March 30th at which [REDACTED] was in attendance. MEYER and HUGHES were present at the party which included all the notable movie personages in Hollywood. 32/67

The Hollywood REPORTER for February 26, 1946 reported HOWARD HUGHES had signed NANCY VALENTE, New York's latest model rave, at \$500 a week, plus fare to Hollywood for herself and mother. The REPORTER for March 22nd stated that NANCY VALENTE, recently signed by HOWARD HUGHES, was being piloted around by JOHN MEYER.

The REPORTER for April 19th carried an article to the effect that BETTY HENSEL and CARY GRANT were chartered by HOWARD HUGHES at the Mocambo. Further, that HOWARD HUGHES was getting around more and more after dark and was especially after the dark haired JANE GREER, motion picture actress. JANE GREER is believed to be the former wife of MICKY VILLE.

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In referenced report of the writer dated March 12, 1946, information was set forth to the effect that Governor MILLER and his wife returned to Los Angeles on the Constellation from New York City on March 5th with HOWARD HUGHES and JUAN LEYER.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM

RECORDED

DATE: MAY 6, 1946

FROM : R. A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, FAS,
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

[REDACTED]

The Los Angeles Division advised that Howard Hughes, according to the Los Angeles Times, filed a \$5,000,000 law suit against the National Motion Pictures Association and has also announced his withdrawal from that Association. It appears that this legal action grew out of charges made by the National Motion Pictures Association concerning Howard Hughes' motion picture "The Outlaw." One news item quotes Hughes as saying, in regard to the censoring of "The Outlaw," "a careful study of the Hays Office convinces me that the entire Hays Office in its very essential fundamentals is a group boycott in restraint of trade and in absolute violation of the Antitrust laws of this country." It is observed that Hughes' reference to the Hays Office is in fact to the Motion Pictures Association which is now headed by Eric Johnston.

[REDACTED]

Greta Palmer of the Cosmopolitan Magazine recently was unsuccessful in an attempt to contact Meyer relative to seeing Howard Hughes concerning a story on censorship. According to Los Angeles, Greta Palmer in 1945, stated she was connected with the Readers Digest Magazine.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: MR. E. A. TAMM
FROM: R. ROSEN
SUBJECT: JOSE WILLIAM MEYER
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: May 7, 1946

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The New York Division advises that Meyer accompanied Edward Hughes in a flight to Louisville, Kentucky on May 4 to attend the Kentucky Derby and that they had reservations to stay at the Henry Clay Hotel there.

ACTION BEING TAKEN

You will be promptly advised of any new developments in this inquiry.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles 13, California
May 3, 1946

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

Re: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, was.
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XCONF. INFO.

The following information is a summary of the information available by [REDACTED] for the period April 25 through May 2, 1946, inclusive.

At the beginning of the above mentioned period [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] No information of importance was reported by the confidential source.

On April 27, 1946 this confidential source reported that [REDACTED] had instructed EARL MARTIN, who was identified as HUGHES' pilot, that the plane would be ready at noon and that HOWARD HUGHES planned to leave Los Angeles that day.

On April 29, 1946, [REDACTED] reported that an individual believed to be HOWARD HUGHES had asked [REDACTED] for the telephone number of CYRIL EATLETT. Thereafter [REDACTED] informed HOWARD HUGHES at the Town House that EATLETT's number was CRestview 5-3536.



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Director, FBI

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Re: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, was.
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[REDACTED] instructed [REDACTED] to have EDWARD HUGHES call him
in New York City.

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Director, FBI

May 3, 1946

Re: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, was.
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With regard to [REDACTED] stay in New York City, it will be noted that the New York Field office, by teletypes dated April 29th and April 30th, reported [REDACTED] had made reservations at the Sherry Netherlands Hotel for Mrs. STEPHEN CRANE nee LANA TURNER, motion picture actress, who arrived there April 13th. [REDACTED] made reservations for Cary GRANT, who is to arrive from Europe on May 5th. It was indicated subject would probably leave around the 5th or 6th of May to fly to Brazil with HOWARD HUGHES. This trip undoubtedly is the one which has been previously reported to the Bureau, and it is believed that they intend to go to Rio de Janeiro, where they will stay at the Hotel Copacabana.

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Director, FBI

May 3, 1946

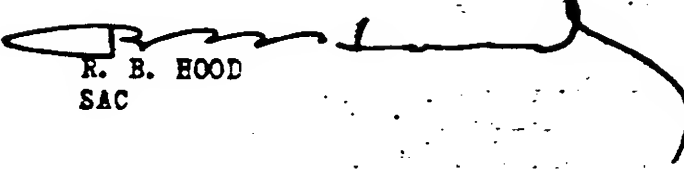
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On April 27, 1946, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is the notorious playboy who was
formerly married to [REDACTED] and at one time was employed by
HOWARD HUGHES as a talent scout. [REDACTED]

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Very truly yours,


R. B. HOOD
SAC

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AIRMAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. E. A. Tamm

FROM : R. A. Rosen

DATE: April 17, 1946

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases
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[REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] and asked that the latter obtain invitations for Howard Hughes and [REDACTED] for a party which was to be attended by Generals Hap Arnold and Carl Spaatz. [REDACTED] indicated he would endeavor to secure the invitations.

On another occasion, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] left a message to the effect that he was having luncheon with Gail Russell, who, it will be recalled, has been the subject of considerable interest on the part of Howard Hughes.

[REDACTED] and the Los Angeles Division advises that Mr. and Mrs. William Powell were numbered among the Hollywood guests who recently accompanied Howard Hughes and Meyer on the inaugural flight of the Constellation from Los Angeles to New York. An unknown individual also [REDACTED] related that Jack Buetel was coming to town and would need an apartment. Buetel is the actor who is under contract with Howard Hughes and recently was featured in the motion picture "The Outlaw."

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**MISCELLANEOUS
INFORMATION CONCERNING**

JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

MEYER left Los Angeles April 17, 1946, and registered Sherry Netherlands Hotel, New York City, where he was still staying as of May 8, last. While in New York subject has been in contact with HOWARD HUGHES. On May 4, 1946, HUGHES and MEYER flew to Louisville, Kentucky, to attend the Kentucky Derby.

WESTBROOK PEGLER wrote article May 6th regarding HUGHES and MEYER's connections with ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT and suggested an investigation be made by Congress.

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References:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 26, 1946, at Los Angeles.

Bureau teletype to Los Angeles, dated May 8, 1946.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

MEYER'S ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH HOWARD HUGHES

The referenced report of the writer dated April 26th, last, reflects that MEYER departed by plane for New York City on April 17th and on arrival there registered at the Sherry Netherlands Hotel. According to information made available by [REDACTED] MEYER was still visiting in New York City as of May 8, 1946, and believed to be still registered at the Sherry Netherlands Hotel, where he has been in contact with HOWARD HUGHES. b2/

The New York Field Division by teletype dated April 29th, last, reported that MEYER had made reservations at the Sherry Netherlands Hotel for HOWARD HUGHES, who arrived in New York City on April 27th, last. Further, MEYER during the first part of April made telephonic reservations from California at that hotel for Mrs. STEPHEN CRANE, nee LANA TURNER, who arrived at New York April 13th and who was still in New York as of April 29th. It was reported by the New York Field Division that subject also made reservations for CARY GRANT, who was to arrive from Europe on May 5th. At the time the teletype was sent from New York it was reported that MEYER intended to remain at the Sherry Netherlands for approximately five or six days longer, after which he would fly to Brazil with HOWARD HUGHES. Regarding the trip to be made to Brazil with HOWARD HUGHES, it is noted in the referenced report of the writer that information was set forth indicating that trip was to be made to Rio de Janeiro and that reservations were made at the Copacabana Hotel at Rio. It was believed that the trip would include HOWARD HUGHES, MEYER and notable movie stars, such as CARY GRANT.

By teletype dated May 6, 1946, the New York Field Division reported the subject, accompanied by HOWARD HUGHES, flew to Louisville, Kentucky, May 4th to attend the Kentucky Derby, and reservations were made at the Henry Clay Hotel there.

On May 6th it was reported by the New York Field Division that JOE ROAN, who was identified in the referenced report of the writer as JOE ROAN of TMA, New York City, was occupying MEYER's suite at the Sherry Netherlands and had received a long distance telephone call from Mr. SHURR, Chestview 67723, Los Angeles. SHURR allegedly wanted MEYER to talk to HUGHES as "BOB HOPE wants an answer." ROAN advised SHURR that both MEYER and HUGHES were at the Derby but were expected back shortly and MEYER would call. With reference to Mr. SHURR, an examination of the Los Angeles telephone directory reveals that LOUIS SHURR, Chestview 67723, resides at 9537 Chareville Boulevard, Beverly Hills, and has an office listed as the LOUIS SHURR Agency, 327 North Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills.

It was noted in the "Variety" dated April 26, 1946, that the following article appeared:

"Justice Dept. cocks an ear for a beef from HUGHES.

"Washington, April 25.—If HOWARD HUGHES makes good his threat and asks anti-trust action in connection with the Motion Picture Association of America's wallop at his film, 'The Outlaw,' the Department of Justice will of course listen to the beef.

"However, the dope here is that if HUGHES does make such a proposal he will not get far with it. The Justice Department looks upon MPAA as a trade body, one of whose purposes is to provide clean and fair censorship for the industry from the inside.

"Both the Justice Department and the FBI are now fighting growing juvenile delinquency and at least one Department official has expressed the opinion that 'The Outlaw' is the type of film to stimulate delinquency."

The "Los Angeles Times" dated April 26, 1946, reported that HOWARD HUGHES had retained JERRY GIESLER, noted Los Angeles attorney, to represent him in his fight against San Francisco's ban on "The Outlaw". GIESLER was reported to have left for San Francisco on April 25, 1946, to defend AL DUNE, theater manager there who was arrested for showing the film.

On April 30, 1946, the "Los Angeles News" reported that Superior Judge EDWARD P. MURPHY, San Francisco, had denied an application by HUGHES' attorney for a writ of prohibition which would have released the film for public showing pending a jury trial to determine whether the film was "indecent" in its display of Miss RUSSELL's charms.

The "Los Angeles Examiner" dated May 6, 1946, carried a news article written by WESTBROOK PEGLER entitled "HUGHES' Deals in War Aircraft Merit Scrutiny" as follows:

"There are several phases of ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT's activities and associations, in addition to his defaulted loans, which would be thoroughly investigated by appropriate committees of Congress if the Democrats were not in control.

"Certain operations of HOWARD HUGHES, the rich Houston (Tex.) and Hollywood manufacturer, motion picture producer and aviation magnate, would come under scrutiny were the Republicans returned to power in Congress.

"HUGHES and ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT are intimate friends. HUGHES is also a friend and might be called a protege of JESSE JONES of Houston, the former Secretary of Commerce. The JONESSES have known him since his childhood and regard him highly.

"In 1943, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation put up \$18,000,000 to enable HUGHES and HENRY KAISER to build three enormous wood and plastic cargo planes, more than twice the size of the B-29 and capable of carrying 650 persons.

"Construction began at Culver City, Cal., but KAISER withdrew when it developed that the \$18,000,000 would not produce even one of these ships.

"JONES, as head of the RFC, told HUGHES he himself would have to pay any excess cost and HUGHES carried on.

"The ship has not been completed, however, and it may never fly.

"The experience may be worth something to aeronautical science, but there is, of course, no standard by which to appraise the value of such information.

"The Army Air Forces had become interested in another HUGHES plane in 1939.

"General H. H. ARNOLD states that it seemed suitable for military use and that the design was highly interesting because duranold construction was to be used and the ship presented the promise of improvement in the aerodynamic and structural arts.

"Aluminum was scarce and General ARNOLD thought it might be possible to get quantity production in spite of the shortage.

"On July 8, 1942, President ROOSEVELT personally inquired about this ship which General ARNOLD describes as suitable for high-speed, long-range, high-altitude service.

"The next year, the Germans were knocking down many American photo-reconnaissance pilots in P-38s.

"We needed something that would do the job and outrun the German fighters," General ARNOLD wrote. "The British Mosquito

had proved itself, but we were unable to get Mosquitoes in sufficient quantities. The HUGHES airplane was the only one already designed which appeared entirely suitable and which could be produced in time to do any good."

"On September 3, 1943, General ARNOLD 'verbally' directed that 100 of these ships be bought from HUGHES. The aluminum shortage had passed and the wooden construction had been abandoned in favor of metal.

"The contract with HUGHES was terminated last September without the delivery of a single ship. The Army still expects to take two, however, for experiments.

"The 100 ships were to have cost \$48,000,000 plus a maximum fee of 4 per cent. Thus about \$66,000,000 of public money was committed to HUGHES projects which produced nothing.

"ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT returned from Europe in the autumn of 1943 and served for a period at the War Department as chief of the reconnaissance branch.

"He was head man and it was during this time that General ARNOLD gave his verbal order for the 100 HUGHES planes.

"For a number of reasons, technical and industrial, Major General O. P. ECHOLS had opposed the adoption of this plane to the end, but was overruled.

"Setting forth his position, General ARNOLD wrote that money was never a first consideration when American lives and American victory were at stake.

"I let contracts for anything which offered a probability of speeding victory. I would be the last to claim that this process was economical in dollars. In fact, I have never claimed that war is economical."

"When ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT, then a colonel in the Army Air Corps, returned from England on November 15, 1944, the Associated Press story said that JOHN E. MEYERS, 'public relations representative for HOWARD HUGHES,' was his host in New York, where ELLIOTT in those days generally stopped at the Waldorf on his visits to town. HUGHES also goes to the Waldorf and maintains an apartment there.

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"He (ELLIOTT) was a guest of Mr. MEYERS at a party at the El Morocco night club last night," the A.P. said. "Mr. MEYERS said Colonel ROOSEVELT would go to Washington late today."

"Less than a month later, on December 3, when ELLIOTT married Miss FAYE EMERSON at Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona, the press accounts said MEYERS again was at his side to give the bride away and that JACK FRYE, the president of TWA, the big airline, was best man. HOWARD HUGHES owns the controlling interest in TWA.

"Last December, Pan-American Airways, generally regarded as the pioneer in transatlantic navigation, petitioned the Civil Aeronautics Board to modify routes which had been allotted to itself, TWA and American Airlines.

"Pan-American's petition said the routes assigned would give TWA and American a monopoly of American-Flag air service to Italy and the Soviet Union and to most of France and Germany.

"We ask the board to reconsider whether it actually desires to be guilty of the gross favoritism to TWA," the petition said. Further it charged that the board had practically thrown Pan-American out of France and Ireland 'for the benefit of TWA.'

"SAM PRYOR, a prominent Eastern Republican and former national treasurer of the party, is one of the chief executives of Pan-American."

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April 19, 1946, an individual who identified herself as GRETA PALMER of the "Cosmopolitan" magazine desired to get in touch with MEYER in order to see HOWARD HUGHES relative to a story on censorship. PALMER was informed that MEYER was staying at the Sherry Netherlands Hotel in New York City. She indicated that she was to leave Los Angeles for New York City on April 22d.
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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 5/17/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 5/1, 3, 6, 13, 17/46	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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MEYER checked in at **SHERY NETHERLANDS HOTEL**, Apr. 17, alone. Shortly after arriving, made reservations at the same hotel for **HOWARD HUGHES**, who was to arrive on Apr. 27. He had previously made telephonic reservations at the hotel for Mrs. **STEPHEN CRANE** (LANA TURNER), who arrived Apr. 15. He also made reservations for **CARY GRANT** who was to arrive May 5.

MORAN, believed to be representative of **TWA**, living with **MEYER** at hotel. **MEYER** and **HUGHES** flew to Louisville, Kentucky, May 4, to attend **Derby**. Both returned May 7.

List of telephone numbers and address still at **SHERY NETHERLANDS**.

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Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** 26/46,
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DETAILS:

After having made telephonic reservations from Los Angeles, MEYER checked in at the SHERRY NETHERLANDS HOTEL, 59 Street and Fifth Avenue, New York City, on April 17, 1946. Shortly after arriving he reserved an additional suite for HOWARD HUGHES, whom he stated would arrive on April 27, 1946.

On April 13, 1946, LANA TURNER arrived at the hotel, accompanied by her child and governess. She registered under the name of Mrs. STEPHEN CRANE and her reservations had been made earlier by MEYER. None of the three suites occupied by HUGHES, MEYER or TURNER are adjacent or near each other. MEYER also made reservations at the hotel for CARL GRANT, who was to arrive on May 3. A day or two after MEYER'S arrival at the hotel, he was joined by JOE ROWAN, who moved into MEYER'S suite and has lived with him since. ROWAN is believed to be the publicity agent from the New York office of TWA.

On May 4, 1946, HUGHES and MEYER flew to Louisville, Kentucky, to attend the KENTUCKY DERBY. Before leaving, they made reservations at the HENRY CLAY HOTEL at Louisville, where they apparently stayed. Both arrived back at the SHERRY NETHERLANDS on May 7, 1946.

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HUGHES remains singularly inactive, spending most of the day in his suite, and refusing to take any phone calls, except from LANA TURNER. Usually, he will go to her suite in the evening, take her to the "EL MOROCCO" for dinner.

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TO : MR. E. A. TAMM

DATE: June 5, 1946

FROM : A. Rosen

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The New York Division in referring upon completion this case reports that when Lana Turner recently arrived in New York accompanied by her child and governess, she registered under the name of Mrs. Stephen Crane at the Sherry Netherlands Hotel, the registration previously having been made by Meyer. Meyer and Howard Hughes were also staying at the Hotel during this period. However, none of their rooms were near each other.

During this particular period Hughes was reported as remaining singularly inactive, spending most of the day in his suite and refusing to take any phone calls except from Lana Turner. He was described as going to her suite in the evening and taking her to the "El Morocco" for dinner returning with her thereafter to her suite in the early hours of the morning. He is believed to have spent almost every night with Lana Turner in her suite.

During Hughes' stay at the Hotel, [redacted] advised that he engaged in a lengthy long distance telephone call with Linda Darnell who was at Los Angeles. [redacted] reports that the conversation consisted principally of Hughes telling Linda Darnell how much he loved her and she in turn told him about her film work and further indicated that she was about to divorce her husband so that she might marry Howard Hughes.

In setting out Meyer's daily routine, New York states that while at the Hotel he stayed in his room until about Noon and after going out for lunch returned in the early evening staying there until late in the evening at which time he would attend a night club returning again to his hotel room in the early hours of the morning. He was frequently accompanied by a Miss [redacted] telephone number [redacted] and a [redacted] whose telephone number was ascertained to be [redacted].

No additional background is available concerning these women.

It is also interesting to note that a detective by the name of [redacted] of the 17th Precinct, New York Police Department, located at 163 E. 51 Street, New York was a member of a group going to Meyer's suite early one morning during this period.

While this case has been closed, it is thought the above information might be of some interest to you.

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IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
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DIRECTOR, F.B.I.

RE: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases
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Dear Sir:

The following data has come to my attention with reference to subject MEYER and HOWARD HUGHES, and is being forwarded as being a matter of interest.

Approximately one week ago, [REDACTED] an Assistant Counsel assigned to the HEALD INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE of the United States Senate, arrived in Los Angeles and recently was in touch with Special Agent [REDACTED] voluntarily advised that he was here to conduct an investigation relative to HOWARD HUGHES.

HUGHES appeared before the Investigating Committee several weeks ago with reference to a hearing being held as to the use of the government money paid to the HUGHES COMPANY to build planes, and in which planes the government has spent approximately \$40,000,000.00. It was felt that the Committee had a good procurement case against the HUGHES COMPANY with reference to the money the government had invested to build planes on which there has been no delivery.

The Committee is desirous of securing evidence showing a relationship between HOWARD HUGHES and ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT, as it is thought ELLIOTT may have been instrumental in assisting HUGHES to obtain government contracts regarding the planes. It is hoped that information may be developed regarding subject MEYER's activities in connection with HOWARD HUGHES, so when MEYER is interviewed a "squeeze" may be put on him to furnish valuable information. There have been rumors to the effect that ELLIOTT allegedly received approximately \$75,000.00 from HOWARD HUGHES, but to date this information has not been substantiated.

For the present, inquiries are being kept as discreet as possible, but it is expected that more open inquiries will be made shortly, and when this is done, considerable publicity will follow. Further, if the investigation is successful, it is thought that the story may become one of the top news items of the year, and may end in an indictment of HUGHES, ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT and others.

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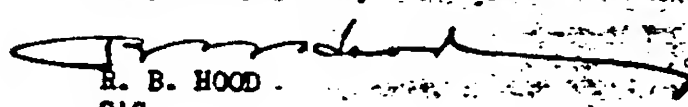
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RE: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases
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[REDACTED] was desirous of letting this office know the purpose of his visit to Los Angeles; however, he desired that this information be kept on a confidential basis.

No action is contemplated by this office with reference to the above data and is being forwarded to the Bureau for its information. In the event further data comes to my attention which may be of interest to the Bureau regarding the HUGHES-ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT situation, it will be promptly brought to the Bureau's attention.

Very truly yours,


R. B. HOOD
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The Attorney General

April 4, 1947

Director, FBI

John William Meyer, was.

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Information has come to my attention from a confidential source which indicates that the Special Committee to Investigate the National Defense Program is conducting an investigation of the Howard Hughes Company.

Several weeks ago Hughes appeared before this Committee and gave testimony concerning the use of Government funds which had been paid to the Hughes Company for the purpose of plane construction. It is reported that the Government has expended approximately \$40,000,000 to the company for the purpose of building airplanes and that there has been no delivery by the company on these contracts. It has been indicated that the Committee has a good case against the Hughes Company, however, the nature of the evidence and the particular Federal violation, if any, has not been indicated.

The Committee is endeavoring to secure evidence to show a relationship between Howard Hughes and Elliott Roosevelt as it is believed that Elliott Roosevelt was instrumental in assisting Hughes in obtaining Government contracts. In order to establish this relationship it has been indicated that the Committee will contact John William Meyer, who is employed by Hughes in a public relations capacity. My personal and confidential memorandum to you of March 21, 1946, captioned "John William Meyer" furnished a summary of background information regarding this individual. During the interview with Meyer valuable information is expected to be obtained if sufficient pressure can be brought to bear on Meyer. There have been rumors to the effect that Elliott Roosevelt received approximately \$75,000 from Howard Hughes.

For the present time the Committee's inquiries are being kept as discreet as possible, but it is expected that more open inquiries will be made shortly and when this is done considerable publicity will follow. If the investigation of the Committee is successful it has been indicated that an indictment of Hughes, Elliott Roosevelt and others will follow.

For your information, this is to advise that this Bureau has not conducted any investigation of the Hughes Company in the past and there is no investigation pending regarding this company at the present time.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 28, 1947

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has prepared for me a memorandum reflecting details of an interview recently conducted by FRANCIS D. FLANAGAN, presently Assistant Chief Counsel of the Senate Investigating Committee on War Activities.

This memorandum is self-explanatory and is being furnished to the Bureau with this communication. In event any further contact is had with [REDACTED] the Bureau will be promptly advised.

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The Attorney General

August 8, 1947

Director, FBI

SENATOR BROWDER

BLACKMAIL CHARGES

ALLEGED FBI INQUIRY

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I want to call to your attention an item appearing in the Times Herald of August 8, 1947, indicating that the FBI was going to probe a "blackmail" feed. This item went on to state that according to International News Service, Senator Browder, Republican, of Maine, indicated that the Attorney General had promised to investigate the "blackmail" charges hurled by Howard Hughes at the Senator. It was also indicated that Senator Browder had invited the Justice Department's attention to the matter two weeks ago and that the Attorney General had told Senator Browder that the charges would receive "attention" as soon as the inquiry into Hughes' war plane contracts had ended.

Although the article indicates that Browder had invited an FBI probe into this matter of course the Bureau has not received any request from the Senator to engage in an investigation. I also want to point out that the Bureau has not received any request from the Department to engage in any investigation in this matter nor has any information been furnished to the Bureau that it is anticipated an inquiry may be made in the future into the activities alleged by Senator Browder.

This is another instance in which reference is made to an inquiry allegedly to be conducted by the FBI when as a matter of fact no request has as yet been received. It is assumed that no comment has been made with reference to an investigation of the alleged "blackmail" charges by any representative of the Department of Justice but it does seem, according to the Times Herald of August 8, that "Department of Justice officials said two legal experts have been attending the hearings and would stay until their conclusion", and that the "dispute between the Maine Senator and the Hollywood plane builder will be further aired in a full scaled Justice Department investigation".

You will recall previous memoranda relating to premature releases have pointed out the difficulty with which the Bureau is confronted when such releases occur. I did want to present this situation to your attention because it does seem that some one in the Department of Justice has indicated an investigation may be made by the FBI into the charges related. This is the obvious impression one would obtain in reading the news item and as we have not as yet been requested to conduct any investigation nor have we been advised that such an investigation is contemplated at a later date I do feel that any comment relating to this matter by our Bureau official will be an action which it more difficult to perform its functions.

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MEMORANDUM

Re: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER - Summary

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He became acquainted with Howard Hughes in 1940 or 1941 when [REDACTED] Sometime thereafter, date not known, [REDACTED] he voluntarily severed his connections with Warner Brothers and went to work as Public Relations Director of the Hughes Aircraft Corporation. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

TIA, in which Hughes is financially interested, was hopeful of obtaining certain valuable trans-oceanic contracts which were being bid for by Pan-American.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. Rosen

DATE: August 2, 1947

FROM : G. W. C. [unclear]

JOHN WILLIAM MEYER

SUBJECT: HOWARD HUGHES
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

At 12:10 P.M., August 2, 1947, [redacted] who resides at the [redacted]

[redacted] called the Director and was subsequently referred to the writer. She advised that she was a very great admirer of Mr. Hoover and the Bureau and wanted to relate to him how she had been given the "run around" in attempting to reach Howard Hughes, the airplane manufacturer and moving picture producer who is a nephew of two very close friends.

[redacted] advised that she had attempted to reach Mr. Hughes in California telephonically but was advised that he could not be reached; that she tried to send a Western Union telegram to him which was not accepted at the local telegraph office inasmuch as she did not have his exact address; that she had called an individual at the White House who could not assist her and that she then called Senator Owen Brewster (R Maine) and that Senator Brewster's office advised on her first call that they had never heard of Howard Hughes and could not furnish the information regarding him. On a second call to Senator Brewster's office, [redacted] advised an employee suggested she contact John Meyer at the Statler Hotel, Washington, D. C., however, she advised that this call was also unsuccessful in that she was informed Mr. Meyer had recently checked out of the Statler.

[redacted] stated the only reason she wanted to contact Howard Hughes was to invite him to stay with her while in town testifying before the Senate Committee. She related that Felix and Ruppert Hughes, uncles of Howard Hughes, were close friends of hers.

[redacted] was advised the Bureau could not be of any assistance to her in locating Mr. Hughes.

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cc: Mr. G. A. Nease

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: THE DIRECTOR

DATE: August 1, 1947

FROM: A. ROSEN

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SUBJECT: JOHN W. MEYER;
HOWARD HUGHES; ET AL
MISCELLANEOUS

In connection with various newspaper stories relative to John W. Meyer's furnishing female companions at parties on behalf of Howard Hughes and his associates, the New York Journal American, primarily and other papers have quoted data obtained from the expense accounts submitted by Meyers to the Hughes Aircraft Company and other sources wherein the names of certain women appear, who have been paid for entertainment purposes. A search has been made of our records for information relative to these individuals, but due to the absence of identifying data, it has been difficult to specifically determine if the material appearing in our records pertain to the persons whose names are disclosed in the newspaper stories. From an examination made of references that are set forth in the attached memorandum, there is set forth data that is believed to pertain to such individuals.

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Hughes' Meyer a Veteran Front Man

By LEE MORTIMER

John W. Meyer, Howard Hughes' fabulous "man of mystery," is no mystery to his friends in New York and Hollywood.

Johnny just naturally gravitated to the job of being Hughes' front man and social secretary because he knew everyone on both coasts and everyone seemed to like him. This was an invaluable asset to Hughes, who is shy and nervous in company and extremely conscious of his defective hearing.

When I first met Meyer in Hollywood, some seven or eight years ago, he was a press agent at Warner Bros., assigned to Errol Flynn and Bruce Cabot. At that time I wrote a kidding story about Hollywood's "assistant wolves," whose duty it was to stalk gal friends for their masters, and I named them.

Among others, I listed Meyer in that capacity for Flynn, Pat di Cicco for Howard Hughes, and Red Hershorn for Carl Laemmle, Jr. Meyer considered it a huge joke, but four years di Cicco tried to slug me in the Copacabana in retaliation.

Followed Di Cicco

Di Cicco, who was Meyer's predecessor as Hughes' handy man, kept the job until he married Gloria Vanderbilt, who now is Mrs. Leopold Stokowski.

When Johnny went to work for Hughes, he was given the imposing title "Assistant to the

John Meyer, here enjoying nightclub visit with pretty Betty Beth, proved good "front man" for Hughes because of his genial personality. (Mirror Photo)



President of Hughes Aircraft" and apparently an unlimited expense account.

However, I have never seen either Hughes or Meyer throw a

dime around when a penny would do the job. Meyer carried the bankroll, but took his cue from Howard, who is notoriously canny in money matters.

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Models to "Tell All" About Hughes' Parties

Linda Shelton (right), 23-year-old model, recalled how she sat with Secretary of Interior Krug and Gov. Wallgren of Washington at the El Morocco at parties in 1944 and 1945. Her sister model, Joan Green, 27, said that she met John W. Meyer, right-hand man of Howard Hughes, and that she, too, helped entertain Washington big shots. Seniors probe want to know just how all this entertainment fitted into juicy war contracts awarded the Hughes aircraft company and how it all helped the war effort.

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next day)—Roosevelt dinner par
arlo, \$163, and Leon and Eddie's,

Champagne for Ava

Aug. 23 (next day)—Jack Frye and Elliott Roosevelt party for nine people at Stork Club, \$94, and El Morocco, \$66; Chris Farmer to stop publicity of Elliott being in New York, \$50, and scarce nylon hose gifts, \$132.

Sept. 7, 1943—Meyer covered an \$83.15 bill of young Roosevelt at Jack and Charlie's.

Sept. 17, 1943—(Back in Hollywood)—Meyer was tabbed for \$11 for dinner, drinks and taxi for Faye Emerson, and \$116 for liquor from Schwab's drug store for "Doheny Drive," Hughes' home in Hollywood.

Sept. 20, 1943—(Still in Hollywood)—Meyer listed Ava Gardner for champagne charges of \$21 at Lamaze and \$24 at Macamba.

Elliott stopped at the Beverly Hills Hotel and bungalows in Beverly Hills, Calif., from Nov. 22, to Dec. 8, 1944. The room cost \$25 a day. He tallied up a bill during that period totaling \$578.23.

The bill was marked "mail to Hughes Aircraft, Culver City, Calif." On it was written "O.K." and signed Col. E. Roosevelt. It was initialed "J. W. M." Johnny Meyer's okay.

A little earlier, the late President's son ran up a huge hotel bill at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York, from Oct. 28 to Nov. 4, 1944. The bill totaled \$499.90. Among the charges was a cash C. O. D. for \$116.25. This bill similarly was marked "O. K. to pay. Charge H. A. C. (Hughes Aircraft Corporation)" and initialed by Meyer on Nov. 6, 1944.

One of the strange photostats is a check for \$159.41 made out on the Bank of America in Hollywood by Hughes Aircraft Corp. payable to a Paul Franklin. It itemized the following:

"Dec. 6, 1944, expenses Col. E. Roosevelt's wedding party. \$59.41.

"Four days pilot's time, \$100. Net amount, \$159.41."

During the time Elliott was at the Beverly Hills Hotel, Johnny Meyer itemized an expense for a weekend trip to Palm Springs. It lasted from Nov. 24 to Nov. 27, 1944. Cost totaled \$150, charged to Hughes Aircraft Corp.

Among the items were gas and oil (round trip) \$7; maid tip, (4 days at C. Morrison House) \$30; bars at Palm Springs, \$22; tips to bar maid and phone girl, \$10.

Guests were listed by Meyer thus: Col. Elliott Roosevelt, Lt. Col. John Hoover, Faye Emerson, Janet Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. William Powell (Diane Lewis Powell).

Faye Emerson Entertained

After Elliott checked out of the Waldorf and before his trip to Beverly Hills, Johnny Meyer gave a party for Mrs. Anna Roosevelt Boettiger at Elliott's request. It was held in Waldorf-Astoria Towers apartment 37-C. All the liquor was bought outside and charged to the hotel bill.

The guests included top names in New York's who's who. It was held Nov. 19. Seven days earlier Meyer paid for two public stenographers for Elliott and Mrs. Boettiger, charges being \$15.

On Dec. 22, 1944, Elliott, who was back from California, was entertained together with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Boettiger, in Washington. The Boettigers were listed in Meyer's itemized statement as living at the White House.

They went to the Troika, running up a bill for \$23; then to the Mayflower Hotel, \$28. A miscellaneous charge of \$7.50 was thrown in. Hughes Aircraft paid it all.

Before her marriage to Elliott, Faye Emerson seemed to be a popular figure and a frequent guest at Hughes' parties.

Between July 7-9, 1944, she was guest at a three-day party totaling \$342. This covered a visit to Caliente Race Track with bets costing \$150, and dinners, drinks and fuel charges. Along with Faye was Patricia Clark, Hughes and Meyer.

On Sept. 8, 1944, Meyer got a \$109.75 bill for two small lucite bags (\$90), two metallic brocaded wallets, \$30, from Carrie Munn, 640 Madison ave., New York.

A fortnight later, on Sept. 26, Meyer sent a letter to Miss Munn rejecting the metallic wallets, but accepting the lucite bags. Typed below his signature, was the following notation:

"These are to be charged to Hughes Aircraft as gifts for Miss Faye Emerson, 3345 Van Ness st., No. Hollywood, Cal. STAt 6-2354, and Miss Judy A. Cook, 1346 No. Harper st., Hollywood, Cal., GR. 2642."

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: March 9, 1949

FROM : J. A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, Was.
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to the attached clipping dated March 9, 1949, from the Washington Times-Herald wherein it is reported that Senator Cain (R) of Washington demanded an investigation of reports that Hon. C. Hallgren won \$50,000 in a "crap game" with Johnny Meyer, a contact man for Howard Hughes. Senator Cain quotes Columnist Drew Pearson as saying the FBI had started and then dropped an investigation of the alleged crap game. The Bureau's files reflect the following information concerning this matter:

[REDACTED] the Los Angeles Division advised by letter of April 19, 1946, that it had been ascertained through [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that Governor McCallgren, while visiting at Palm Springs, California, had won over \$50,000 in "crap game". [REDACTED] that Governor Hallgren and his wife made a plane trip from New York City to Los Angeles on March 5, 1946, with Howard Hughes and Johnny Meyer.

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Memorandum to Mr. Ladd

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Further reference is made to the attached clipping wherein Senator Cain quoted Drew Pearson as stating that the FBI had started and then dropped an investigation of the alleged crap game and that some FBI officials thought it might have been "linked with an airplane contract". As mentioned above, the Bureau conducted no investigation concerning the alleged crap game and the files reflect no information indicating this incident had any connection with an airplane contract or that any statements in this regard were made by FBI officials.

This is submitted for your information.

'WallgrenCrap Game' Probe

Appointee Denies
He Won \$50,000

Sen. Cain (R) of Washington demanded an investigation yesterday of reports that Mon C. Wallgren won \$50,000 in a "crap game" with Johnny Meyer, a contact man for millionaire plane-builder Howard Hughes.

Cain raised the issue at the start of what he billed as a 18-hour Senate speech against President Truman's nomination of Wallgren, former Democratic governor of Washington, to be chairman of the national security resources board.

Strained Wife Present

Wallgren immediately branded the story "entirely false—there's not one word of truth in it."

He said he never won "a single dollar, not even a penny" from Meyer, and in fact, "I know of no such crap game at Palm Springs at all."

Mrs. Cain, who recently filed a divorce suit against her husband in Tacoma, Wash., was among the gallery spectators who looked on with keen interest while Cain took off his shoes, put on a comfortable pair of carpet slippers, and began reading from a mountainous pile of documents.

The Washington Republican began by repeating previous charges that Wallgren is "soft" toward Communists and generally incompetent to hold the \$14,000-a-year defense post.

Wants Pearson Called

Then he dropped his bombshell.

He demanded that the Senate armed services committee subpoena columnist Drew Pearson to repeat under oath charges which Cain said he made in a telephone call March 4.

"Pearson told me that Wallgren won \$50,000 in a crap game from Johnny Meyer in Palm Springs, Calif., about three years ago," Cain said.

Meyer was the "public relations" man for Hughes whose alleged party-giving and favor-doing for high public officials figured two years ago in a Senate investigation of aircraft contracts awarded by the U. S. Air Force.

Cain quoted Pearson as saying the FBI had started and then dropped an investigation of the alleged crap game, and that some FBI officials thought it might have been "linked with an airplane contract."

Cain said he didn't know there was anything to

Description of Pearson

Describing Pearson as a man with "a magnificent disregard for accuracy," he remarked:

"I think the committee should interrogate a man who talks this way over the telephone. Pearson should eat his words if they are not true."

Cain's mention of Johnny Meyer caused a stir in the chamber and galleries. It was his testimony that helped lead to the sensational perjury conviction of Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers, Air Force procurement officer.

After three hours of speaking.

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Cain

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Cain began to slow down. He opened his collar and fidgeted from one foot to the other. His secretary, Art Burgess, laid a note on his desk. In big scrawl it said:

"Slow down."

Referring to Wallgren's close personal friendship with President Truman, Cain said it is "time the Senate served notice that government by cronies must come to an end."

Wallgren's Denial

Informed by telephone of Cain's speech, Wallgren said:

"I don't know where such stories come from. The entire thing is false. There's not one word of truth in it. I know of no such game. I didn't win a single dollar, not even a penny from Mr. Meyer."

Wallgren went on to say that he considered the whole thing part of Cain's "personal" attack on him.

"He's using every advantage and prerogative of his Senate office in this thing, and it's very difficult for me to answer all the charges as fast as he makes them," Wallgren said.

The committee will vote on confirmation of the nomination next Tuesday.

President Truman recently told a news conference that he regards Cain's opposition as merely a local political fight.

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